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February 21, 2019

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, February 25 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: Lessons Learned from the Amazon HQ2 Decision

*Guests: Tina Benjamin, Special Projects Director, Office of the County Executive
Francine Waters, Former Sr. Managing Director, Transportation/Smart Growth,
Lerner Enterprises*

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

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Transcript from Elrich's Virtual Town Hall Now Available

County Executive Marc Elrich answered a variety of online questions on topics from Amazon to childcare to the environment to transportation during his first Virtual Town Hall meeting. Read the transcript of the online chat, [HERE](#).

Rescheduled!

**Montgomery Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith,
and College President DeRionne Pollard to host Forum on Education Budget
Monday, April 4 6:30pm-8:30pm *(new date!)*
Neelsville Middle School (Cafeteria)
11700 Neelsville Church Road, Germantown**

(This forum was rescheduled due to inclement weather.)



Attention Montgomery County Students! The Don't Be Distracted Contest is back!

MCDOT Invites Pedestrian Safety Contest Submissions: Don't Be Distracted!

Students have until March 4 to submit a Public Safety Announcement (PSA) video or artwork in the "Don't Be Distracted" Creative contest with a chance to win \$500! These PSA's are an effort to let people know the dangers of being distracted while walking or driving. [Learn more.](#) **The deadline for contest entry is March 4!**

New Ride On Bus Service: Shady Grove Metro to Gaither Road & Gaither Drive

On Monday, January 7th, the new Ride On bus Route 63X began express service from the Shady Grove Metro Station to Gaither Road & Gaither Drive, in both directions. This new service gives 45,000 veterans in and around Montgomery County increased access to vital health services at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic on Gaither Drive, while also supporting the 2,000 members of Chinese Cultural Center and thousands more county residents who seek assistance through the Manna Food Center.

The new Route 63X augments Route 63 trips on weekdays. Service is now available every 30 minutes on weekdays from approximately 6:20am until 8:30pm.

Timetable schedules for the Route 63 and 63X can be found at RideOnBus.com. Text MONTGOMERY RIDEON to 468311 for text alerts. Track your bus at www.RideOnRealTime.com.

MDOT MTA Commuter Bus Route 202 Will Be Discontinued Effective February 28

Maryland Department of Transportation Commuter Bus Route 202 (service from Gaithersburg to DOD and Ft. Meade) will be discontinued due to low ridership. **The last day of service will be Thursday, February 28, 2019.** CommuterDirect.com ticket sales for this route ended February 7 at 2:00pm. As an alternative, passengers may take Commuter Bus Route 201 from Gaithersburg, Shady Grove Metro, Georgia Avenue, or Burtonsville Park & Ride to Arundel Mills Mall, then transfer to RTA 502 or AACO AA-202.

Nominations for Montgomery Serves Awards



Submit nominations now for volunteers who have performed outstanding service in 2018! Montgomery County's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes volunteers in four categories; individual, youth, group, and business. These awards honor some of our County's most outstanding community leaders and dedicated volunteers. Nominations are also sought for the Neal Potter Path of Achievement Award to recognize seniors with a lifetime of service.

Deadline for submissions is February 28.

**A Planning Board Worksession on
Energized Public Spaces Design Guidelines
Thursday, February 28
M-NCPPC Montgomery Regional Office
8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

Why This Plan? This Plan Defines a New Methodology to Help Ensure Adequate Parks and Open Spaces in the Most Highly Populated Areas of the County ...

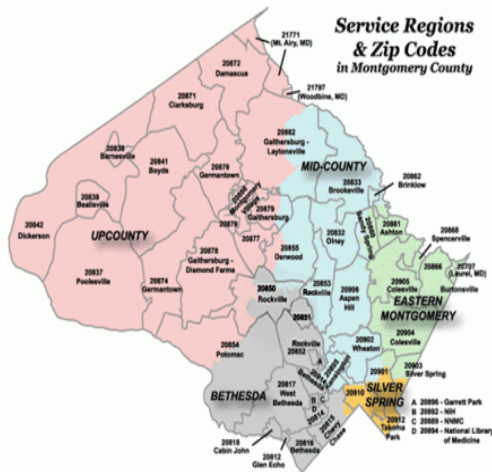
The **EPS Design Guidelines** document will be presented at an upcoming worksession with the Planning Board on **February 28, 2019**. Please note, dates and times are subject to change. **Please visit the Montgomery County Planning Board Agenda page closer to the date to confirm the time for the work session.** The Guidelines document is being developed to improve park planning/design and to ensure public access and inclusivity in all future park projects in areas of high population density. Once approved, these guidelines will be a companion document to the **Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan (EPS FMP)**.

The second worksession will focus on how Planning Board feedback from the **January 31st Planning Board Work Session** has been incorporated into the **Energized Public Spaces (EPS) Design Guidelines Working Draft**. Parks staff is seeking a Board vote for approval of the working draft with changes as the final document. Additional information about the EPS DG Working Draft is available in a .PDF format at MontgomeryParks.org.

For additional information on the EPS Design Guidelines: <https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/energized-public-spaces-design-guidelines/>

Dog Parks Site Suitability Study

Montgomery Parks recognizes the desire for dog park facilities in the County, particularly in higher-density areas of the County, where residents are less likely to have a yard.



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM)!

This campaign aims to empower young people to build healthy relationships from the ground up. You can learn more about the impact of Teen Dating Violence and the steps to raise awareness and promote safe, healthy relationships [here](#).



Community Invited to March 14 Meeting on the Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone

Thursday, March 14 7:00pm-8:30pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, Meeting Room A (first floor)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Open house to discuss and get feedback on recommendations to update 50-year old Churchill Village Town Sector zoning being phased out

The [Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), will hold a public meeting to present preliminary recommendations for the [Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone](#). The purpose of this plan is to apply current zoning classifications to this area to replace the Town Sector (T-S) zoning that is being phased out due to the updated county zoning code.

Town Sector Zone Plan Background

The Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone will address the 1,254 acres comprising the village's T-S zone, which includes Churchill Lake, parks, walking trails and recreational amenities. In 2014, Montgomery County updated its zoning ordinance and, as a result, the T-S zone is being phased out.

Additionally, as approved by the original 1968 zoning case that authorized the development of Churchill Village, no new zoning classifications could be considered for 50 years. This zoning control feature expired in 2018 and is the primary reason for this sector plan. Planners have analyzed existing land uses, densities and open spaces in order to prepare new zoning recommendations that best reflect current conditions, uses and densities.

Anyone who lives or works in Churchill Village or has an interest in the future of this community is invited to attend the open house meeting. Planners will discuss existing conditions, land uses, zoning and the county planning process. Participants will have an opportunity to meet the project team, ask questions and learn how to participate in this planning process. RSVPs are encouraged but not required.

[RSVP for the Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone](#)

Consult the [Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone](#) for more information or contact Project Manager Phillip Estes at 301.495.2176 or Phillip.Estes@MontgomeryPlanning.org

Residents, property owners and anyone with an interest in Churchill Village are invited!

Construction has begun on **US 29 FLASH**, the County's first Bus Rapid Transit Line

Phase II is MD 355 between Bethesda and Clarksburg!



FLASH is Montgomery County's new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). FLASH is a bus-based rapid transit system with features that improve reliability and capacity, so you can get where you need to go quickly. **US 29 (Colesville Road) will be the first FLASH line to open, with service expected to begin in the year 2020.** In 2016, Montgomery County was awarded a \$10 million federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant toward the Route 29 project by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The TIGER grant supports efforts to get the US 29 corridor up and running by 2020. Site excavation and grading are in progress for new curb & gutter, the new bus platform, and the new bus loop at the Briggs Chaney Park and Ride.

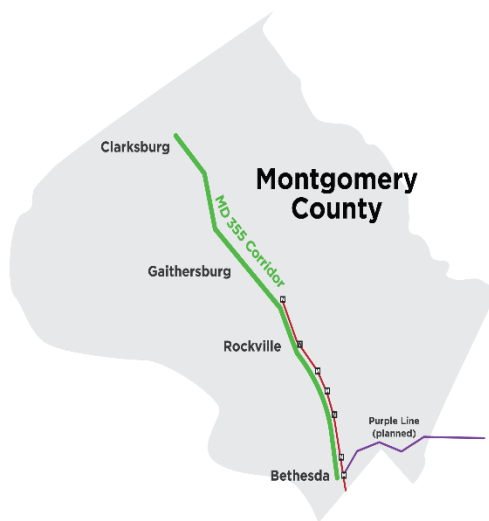
FLASH service on MD 355 between Bethesda and Clarksburg will be designed to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors along this busy route. This project is part of the [Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan](#).

There are several major existing and planned activity centers along the MD 355 corridor that have importance for the entire county and region. FLASH will improve frequent transit connections between the corridor and destinations within Montgomery County and other parts of the region.

Project Overview for Phase II

- The MD 355 FLASH will provide upgraded, frequent, and reliable service between Downtown Bethesda and Clarksburg along the MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike/Frederick Road) corridor.
- The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is studying different alternatives for FLASH on MD 355. Upon completion of the study, MCDOT will identify a single "Recommended Alternative" – which includes the BRT route, station locations, and engineering features – that can be advanced toward design and implementation in phases.
- The MD 355 BRT will be part of the County's FLASH BRT system with [amenities](#) like upgraded stations, real-time information, free Wi-fi, and quick boarding features.

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